

# Eric D. Johnson



## BIOGRAPHY

Eric D. Johnson has been the Executive Director of the Washington Public Ports Association since January of 2009. In that role he represents port district interests to state and federal elected officials, including the Washington legislature and state agencies. In addition to government relations, he is responsible for numerous specialized seminars and conferences. His duties also include advising Washington's seventy-five port districts on issues relating to governance, operations, planning and strategy.

Eric joined the Washington Public Ports Association in 1988 as the Environmental Affairs Director, where he developed many of the fundamental environmental laws and policies that are still in place today for ports across the state. He was promoted to Deputy Director in 2006.

He is a native of Pierce County, and holds a bachelor's degree in biology and political science from Pacific Lutheran University. He also has a Master's of Public Administration with a concentration in environmental policy and natural resources management from the University of Washington. Prior to joining the WPPA, Eric worked on the staff of the Washington State Senate.

Eric currently lives in Olympia with his wife Vicki, and in his spare time he enjoys woodworking and baseball. He also likes to make sushi for friends and family.

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